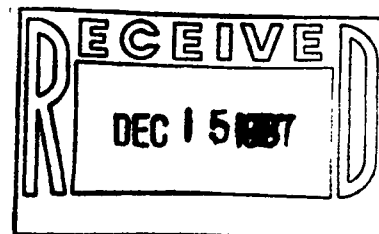




DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
REGIONAL COUNSEL, EASTERN REGION (JACE)
526 TITLE BUILDING, 30 PRYOR STREET, S W
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30335-6801



REPLY TO
ATTN OF

JACE

SDMS DocID 559304

9 December 1987

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SUBJECT

EPA Region 1 Ltr, 26 Oct 87

TO

US Environmental Protection Agency
Attn: Mr. Paul Marchessault
P.O. Box 3409
Reston, VA 33091

Superfund Records Center
SITE: Coakley
BREAK: 119
OTHER: 559304

1. We are responding on behalf of the United States Air Force to your request for information pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA. Please address all future correspondence regarding the Air Force role as a PRP at the Coakley Landfill in North Hampton, NH to our single point of contact.

Mr. Thomas Sims
AFRCE/ROV
Rm 526 Title Bldg.
30 Pryor St.
Atlanta, GA 30335-6801

2. Pease AFB personnel have made a review of official and unofficial records to obtain information on the use of the Coakley Landfill. Unfortunately, the standard administrative regulations under which the U.S. Air Force operates specify that official records be destroyed within three years and at most that they be destroyed within six years upon completion of the contract. On 30 August 1983, the Base Civil Engineer responded to an inquiry from the Office of Waste Management, State of New Hampshire enclosing the information available at that time which is attachment 1.

a. Pease AFB utilized the Coakley Landfill during the years 1978 to 1982. The site was owned by Coakley Landfill, Inc. The permit for its operation was issued by the Town of North Hampton and the operator was the City of Portsmouth. Pease AFB contracted with the City of Portsmouth to dispose of solid wastes from domestic "non-hazardous" sources. Industrial wastes and recyclable petroleum products were not permitted by agreement with the City of Portsmouth.

b. In its letter of 1983 to the State of New Hampshire, Pease AFB has shown that regulations and procedures were in place during the years 1975 to 1982 for proper handling of industrial wastes and recyclable petroleum products. Pease AFB records show that none of these wastes went to the Coakley Landfill.

2. In response to numbered items contained on page 7 - 11 of attachment A to the letter of request, we provide the following information:

GENERAL INFORMATION

Item 1. The persons answering these requests are:

Thad A. Wolfe, Colonel, USAF	Commander, 509th Bombardment Wing
Dennis M. Lane, Colonel, USAF	Commander, 509th Combat Support Group
Bradford C. Vassey, Lt Col, USAF	Staff Judge Advocate
Robert S. Nettleship, Lt Col, USAF	Base Civil Engineer
Richard A. Jones, P.E.	Deputy Base Civil Engineer
George O. Baker, P.E.	Chief Engineer
George T. Kraus, P.E.	Chief, Engineering Design
Arthur L. Ditto, P.E.	Chief, Construction Management
Gustav C. Garceau, P.E.	Environmental Coordinator
Jay S. Grumbling, P.E.	Installations Restoration Program
Thomas D. Robinson, 1st Lt	Base Contracting Officer
John J. Weightman	Deputy Base Contracting Officer
Robert R. Bourcier	Chief, Services Contracting Branch
Paul J. Cahill, Jr., MSgt	Wing Historian

Item 2: Persons consulted in preparation of the answers:

George L. Janson	Property Disposal Officer Defense Logistics Agency Portsmouth Naval Shipyard P.O. Box 2028 Portsmouth, NH 03801
R. A. Palmore	Chief, Contracting Branch Defense Logistics Agency Property Disposal Regional Office 3990 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

Item 3: Documents consulted, examined, or referred to:

a. Contracts for pick up and disposal of domestic wastes from family housing and base facilities such as dormitories, dining halls, commissary, base exchange, etc.

<u>DATES</u>	<u>SCOPE</u>	<u>CONTRACTOR</u>
1980-1983	Base	H. E. Bouffard & Co.
1977-1983	Housing	Coastal Environmental
1975-1980	Base	Seacoast Trucking
1976-1977	Housing	Keefe Environmental Service
1975-1976	Housing	Seacoast Trucking

b. Contracts known to have been made to dispose of industrial wastes and recyclable petroleum products are listed below. (other information shows that wastes were not disposed of at Coakley Landfill)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>MATERIAL</u>	<u>CONTRACTOR</u>
Jun 82	12-55 Gal Drums	Waste Penetrating Oil	Coating Systems, Ind.
Jun 82	1210 Gals	Paint Thinners	Resource Conservation
Jun 81	400 Gals	Detergent & Water	Resource Conservation Recovery Agency
Apr 81	880 Gals	Paint Thinners	Resource Conservation Recovery Agency
Aug 80	3-55 Gal Drums	Solvent, Thinners	Keefe Environmental Services, Inc.
Jun 80	11-55 Gal Drums	Thinners, Paint, Sludge	Keefe Environmental Services, Inc.
Jun 80	4-55 Gal Drums	Oil	Keefe Environmental Services, Inc.
Oct 79	Unknown (from Separator)	Solvents, Fuel	ATC Petroleum
Aug 79	25-55 Gal Drums	Solvents	Keefe Environmental Services, Inc.
Aug 79	2-55 Gal Drums	Oils	Keefe Environmental Services, Inc.
Apr 78	22-55 Gal Drums	Thinners, Solvents, Sludge	Recycling Industries
Nov 77	300 Gals	Solvent & Oil Waste	Keefe Environmental Services, Inc.
Oct 77	1000 Gals	TCE, Silicone Fluid	Recycling Industries
Sep 77	22-55 Gal Drum	Paint Thinners	Recycling Industries
Aug 77	Unknown (from Sump)	Industrial Waste Sludge	Beede
Sep - Oct 75	Unknown	JP-4 Sludge	Craig Company

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>MATERIAL</u>	<u>CONTRACTOR</u>
Jul 73	Unknown	JP-4 Sludge	McKin Company
Sep - Nov 72	Unknown	JP-4 Sludge	McKin Company
Apr - May 70	Unknown	JP-4 Sludge	McKin Company
Oct - Nov 68	Unknown	JP-4 Sludge	McKin Company
Oct 65	Unknown	JP-4 Sludge	Petroleum Tank Cleaning Co.
Apr -	Unknown	JP-4 Sludge	Petroleum Tank Service Co.

c. Possible contracts for removal of synthetic oil motor oil and jet fuel are listed below. Available information indicates that these wastes were not disposed of at the Coakley Landfill.

<u>MATERIAL</u>	<u>CONTRACTOR</u>
Synthetic Oil	A.B. Chemical Wash, PA
Motor Oil	Northeast Oil Long Island, NY
Jet Fuel	Eastern Surplus Calais, ME

d. Air Force Manual 12-50 provides guidance in disposing of records. In general, contract documents are destroyed three years after completion; therefore, records for the years 1972 to 1982 are not available. Information given subparagraphs a, b, and c above was obtained from unofficial records maintained by the Base Environmental Coordinator and reported to the State of New Hampshire in August 1983.

Item 4: We understand that weight slips are available from Coakley Landfill, Inc., 480 Breakfast Hill Road, Greenland NH 03840.

Item 5: Regulations concerning the disposal of wastes on Pease Air Force Base were published in February 1973. Such controls provide confidence that only allowable wastes were collected and delivered to the Coakley Landfill. No other persons or companies other than those listed above can be identified as sources of information.

Item 6: No other persons are known to have information concerning the Coakley Landfill.

Item 7: Information was sent to the Office of Waste Management, State of New Hampshire in a letter dated 30 Aug 83. The letter of request was specific to the Coakley Landfill s/s by Brook S. Dupee, Program Manager of the Hazardous Waste Cleanup Fund and dated 2 Aug 83. The letter is attached hereto as Enclosure No. 1.

FINANCIAL/CORPORATE INFORMATION

Item 8: The correct legal name and current primary officer for the base is
Thad A. Wolfe, Colonel, USAF
Commander
509th Bombardment Wing
Pease AFB, NH 03803

Item 9: NA

Item 10: NA

Item 11: US Military Installation

Item 12: None

Item 13: NA

GENERATOR/TRANSPORTER INFORMATION

Item 14: Pease AFB had not accepted materials nor have any contractors working on behalf of Pease AFB accepted materials (hazardous and non-hazardous) from outside sources for transport to the Coakley Landfill. We have contracted for the transportation of our own waste. Neither the Air Force, nor anyone acting under an Air Force contract has transported waste belonging to Pease AFB.

Item 15: Pease AFB had arranged for the transport of domestic wastes to the Coakley Landfill during the period 1975 to 1982. Controls in effect on base during the period would have ensured that no hazardous substances were intentionally delivered by companies contracted by Pease AFB to pick up and deliver domestic wastes to the Coakley Landfill. Further information may be obtained from Mr. John J. Weightman, Deputy Base Contracting Office, Pease AFB, NH.

a. The Contracting Division of the 509th Bombardment Wing arranged contracts with the City of Portsmouth for the disposal of domestic wastes and arranged contracts with the contractors given in paragraph 3 above for pick up and delivery of domestic wastes to the Coakley Landfill.

b. Contracts with the City of Portsmouth were made with the city manager and approved by the city council. Contracts with companies given in paragraph 3 above are not available; therefore, names of executives are unknown.

c. Dates of contracts other than those given in paragraph 3 above are unknown.

d. Information on industrial wastes and recyclable petroleum products are given in paragraph 3 above.

e. Historical data on tonnage of domestic waste being disposed of for the years 1984, 1985, and 1986 are presented for comparative analysis to the years 1975 to 1982.

<u>YEAR/MOUTH</u>	<u>TONNAGE</u>	<u>YEAR/MOUTH</u>	<u>TONNAGE</u>	<u>YEAR/MONTH</u>	<u>TONNAGE</u>
Jan 1984	289.4	Jan 1985	314.1	Jan 1986	321.1
Feb ...	289.5	Feb ...	356.6	Feb ...	310.8
Mar ...	362.9	Mar ...	298.5	Mar ...	374.9
Apr ...	333.2	Apr ...	315.8	Apr ...	451.3
May ...	413.9	May ...	456.4	May ...	337.8
Jun ...	402.5	Jun ...	363.9	Jun ...	338.7
Jul ...	329.5	Jul ...	392.6	Jul ...	444.9
Aug ...	464.8	Aug ...	427.8	Aug ...	341.3
Sep ...	298.3	Sep ...	321.1	Sep ...	288.7
Oct ...	427.2	Oct ...	413.0	Oct ...	450.7
Nov ...	430.1	Nov ...	344.2	Nov ...	243.8
Dec ...	<u>371.1</u>	Dec ...	<u>285.6</u>	Dec ...	<u>334.7</u>
	4412.4		4289.6		4299.7

f. NA: Our records show that the Pease AFB contract with the City of Portsmouth specifically restricted hazardous waste from disposal or treatment at the Coakley Landfill.

g. We have found no evidence of tests, analyses, analytical results, or manifests for the period 1975 to 1982.

h. NA: Our records show that the Pease AFB contract with the City of Portsmouth and controls in effect at the time, specifically restricted hazardous waste from disposal or treatment at the Coakley Landfill.

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k. Pease AFB paid the city of Portsmouth by the ton for disposal of domestic waste at the Coakley Landfill. Persons involved are unknown. Arrangements for pick up and delivery contracts are not available. Industrial waste and recyclable petroleum products were arranged through purchase orders.

l. NA: No records have been found of persons or their intent in disposing of hazardous wastes.

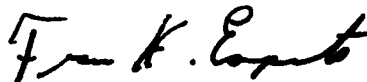
m. NA: No records have been found of intermediate sites where hazardous wastes were stored or held.

n. - p. NA: No records have been found concerning hazardous wastes being delivered to the Coakley Landfill.

q. No records are available showing the marking on and type, condition, and number of containers in which the hazardous materials were contained when they were stored, disposed, treated, or transported for disposal or treatment.

r. NA: No records have been found concerning hazardous wastes being delivered to the Coakley Landfill.

3. We trust the above information will be helpful. The turnover of personnel and the standard administrative practice of destroying records is not supportive of an investigation such as the one you are conducting; however, Pease AFB and my office will cooperate as best we can.



FRANCIS H. ESPOSITO, Major, USAF
Regional Environmental Counsel

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1. DRMO-PNSY Ltr, 19 Sep 83
2. DRMO-Columbus OH Ltr,
30 Sep 83



DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY
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DEFENSE PROPERTY DISPOSAL REGION COLUMBUS
DEFENSE PROPERTY DISPOSAL OFFICE PORTSMOUTH
POST OFFICE BOX 2028
PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03801

REPLY
PER TO DPDO (Mr. Jansen/Autovon 684-2282/als)

19 September 1983

SUBJECT: Records Search for Waste Disposal

TO: DPDR-CM
Attn: Mr. Earl Sexton

1. Enclosed is a copy of a letter received from the 509th Combat Support Group Civil Engineers (Environmental Protection Division) at Pease AFB, New Hampshire, attaching a letter they received from the New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services, requesting sales information and copies of records for synthetic oils and jet fuel sold through this DPDO from 1972 through 1979.
2. As we are authorized to only keep our sales records for two years, we are forwarding this to your office for handling.

for *George L. Jansen*
GEORGE L. JANSEN
Property Disposal Officer

cc:509CSG/DEEV ✓
Attn: Janice LeClair
Pease AFB, NH 03803

Attachment 1





DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY
DEFENSE PROPERTY DISPOSAL SERVICE
DEFENSE PROPERTY DISPOSAL REGION OFFICE COLUMBUS
3990 EAST BROAD STREET
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

PLY
ER TO DPDR-CMC

30 September 1983

Mr. Brook S. Dupree, Program Manager
Office of Waste Management
Division of Public Health Services
Health & Welfare Bldg.
Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Mr. Dupree:

This is in response to your letter dated August 2, 1983 pertaining to your request for information relative to the sale of synthetic oil and jet fuel.

The Defense Property Disposal Office Portsmouth, New Hampshire maintains their active files for only two years. The records referred to in your letter are not available at the Disposal Office. Since our records are destroyed three years after completion, I am reasonably sure records between 1972 and 1979 are not available.

Sincerely,

R. A. PALMORE
Chief, Contracting Branch
Sales Division

cc:
DPDO Portsmouth ✓